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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): NEW
YORK JAZZ REPERTORY (NYJR)

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1. MINCULT AND GOSKONTSERT OFFICIALS PROVED VIRTUALLY UNREACHABLE JUNE 9, POPOV AND DYUZHEV REPORTEDLY BEING INVOLVED WITH A CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURAL DELEGATION AND GOSKONTSERT WITH SAM NIEFELD OF COLUMBIA ARTISTS. NEITHER POPOV OR BYUZHEV TELEPHONED EMBASSY JUNE 9.

2. LATE IN DAY, EMBOFF RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM N.YE. KOMAROV (GOSK DEPDIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION FOR GENERAL SERVICES). KOMAROV SAID THAT HE, WITH DYUZHEV, HAD BEEN THIS MORNING TO MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR HOTELS AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THEY COULD GUARANTEE QUOTE MAXIMUM THREE TO FOUR SINGLES UNQUOTE FOR NEW YORK JAZZ REPETORY IN MOSCOW. KOMAROV CONFIRMED THAT THIS NOT RPT NOT MATTER OF MONEY, THAT GOSK HAD INDICATED IT FULLY READY TO PAY FOR ALL SINGLE ROOMS FOR GROUP, BUT THIS OFFER HAD BEEN REFUSED BY THE HOTEL ADMINISTRATION, WHICH CITED MULTIPLE STRAINS ON MOSCOW
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HOTEL SYSTEM DURING PERIOD DESIGNATED FOR NYJR TOUR.

3. EMBOFF REACHED MINCULT PROTOCOL OFFICER AFTER COB JUNE 9 AND WAS ABLE SET UP CALL ON POPOV BY DCM AT 1000 JUNE 10 TO DISCUSS MATTER. PROTOCOL OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF POPOV WILL RECEIVE DCM DESPITE "HEAVY SCHEDULE" FOR DEPMIN THAT DAY (OPENING OF CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURAL DAYS CITED AS ONE TASK).

4. POLITICAL COUNSELOR ALSO TRYING REACH MFA CULTURAL DIVISION CHIEF VOLSKIY FOR FURTHER INDICATION OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH EMBASSY VIEWS MATTER IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL RELATIONS.

5. COMMENT: OUR VIEW IS THAT UNANTICIPATED, LAST MINUTE BUREAUCRATIC SNAGGLE BEHIND LATEST TWIST ON HOTEL ROOMS. WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS JUNE 10.
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